



14th Annual Friends of Heinz Refuge Photo Group Nature Photo Contest

The Friends of Heinz Refuge (FOHR) Photo Group announces its 14th Annual Nature Photography Contest. Images may be of any nature subject, from any location including landscapes, wildlife, flora, and the refuge. No domestic animals, pets, or ornamental flora. A special Bill Buchanan Award will be given for a photo taken at John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge. Individuals may submit a maximum of three entries, but will be limited to one award in their age category. In addition, there will be 2 special awards - The Bill Buchanan Award of Excellence for the best photo taken at the Heinz refuge and The People's choice award chosen by the public at the Cradle of Birding Festival.

All winning entries will be displayed at the refuge and will be featured at the "Cradle of Birding" Festival on Sept. 20, 2014. Prizes will be announced at the award ceremony at 1pm in the auditorium. Visitors to the opening will have the opportunity to vote for a People's Choice Award.

Entries may be dropped off at the refuge visitor center between 8:30am-3:45pm or mailed to the refuge at 8601 Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia, PA. 19153, **Attention: Photo Contest**. Please include a self addressed stamped envelope for return of your photos. **Mailed submissions will only be returned if a pre-stamped, self addressed envelope is enclosed.** Checks for entry fees should be made payable to "FOHR Tinicum". Late, damaged or previous winning photographs will not be accepted. Improperly sized or mounted photos will not be submitted to the jurors. All cash prizes must be claimed at the refuge by December 10, 2014. **Deadline for submissions is Sunday, August 24, 2014 at 3:30pm for ALL entries including those mailed or sent via other couriers.**

Proceeds will benefit FOHR for refuge projects. FOHR is a nonprofit, tax exempt, 501 (c)(3) association founded in 1997 to assist the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in carrying out its educational, interpretive, and public use missions.

Attach this form (or a copy) to the back of each print submitted. Do not staple. Please print.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Image
Title: _____ Species: _____

Location of Photo:
☐ John Heinz NWR at Tinicum ☐ Other: _____

Age (Children & teens): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Fee enclosed: \$ _____ (Teens & adults)

☐ Send me Photo Group Updates

Are you interested in electronic submissions for next year's competition?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Uncertain

*****See reverse side for important submission details*****

Rules, Categories, Entry Fees, and Prizes

Only color and black and white **PRINTS**, including reasonably unaltered prints from digital files, will be accepted. Judges may reject any print that shows evidence of extreme manipulation. **All images should have a title. All submissions must be mounted and matted and should be 8x10 inch prints with 11x14 inch mats. Larger sized images will not be accepted. No framed images will be accepted.** Images will be judged for technique, interest and composition. The decision of the juror is final. **Species identification should be included of any plants, and/or animals depicted in the images.**

1) Children-Ages 12 and younger – no entry fee

Submissions- **8x10 inch prints only. Must be mounted and matted.**

1st prize-\$25.00 gift certificate to Tinicum Treasures Gift Shop

2nd prize-\$15.00 gift certificate to Tinicum Treasures Gift Shop

3rd prize-\$10.00 gift certificate to Tinicum Treasures Gift Shop

2) Teens-Ages 13 – 18 Entry Fee-\$5.00 per print

Submissions- **8x10 inch prints only. Must be mounted and matted.**

1st prize-\$75.00

2nd prize-\$50.00

3rd prize-\$25.00

3) Adults – Entry Fee-\$5.00 per print

Submissions- **8x10 inch prints only. Must be mounted and matted.**

1st prize-\$100.00

2nd prize-\$50.00

3rd prize-\$25.00

There will be 2 honorable mention ribbons given in each of the age categories. There is a limit of 3 entries per person.

The Bill Buchanan Award of Excellence will be awarded to a photo taken at the Heinz NWR.

All photographs will be displayed at the Refuge for one month after the awards ceremony.

Submission of a photograph represents consent to the FOHR Photo Group to display and use photograph, and consent to use the photographer's name and likeness for publicity purposes in newsletters, news releases, publications, and social media. The image must be an original work of the entrant. The photographer retains all rights to their images. All photographs not claimed by December 30, 2014 become the property of the FOHR Photo Group and will be discarded.

Employees of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Friends of the Heinz Refuge (FOHR), and other volunteers are neither liable for injuries to any person nor responsible for any damage or loss of property. Utmost care will be taken with all entries, however, the FOHR Photo Group is not responsible for damage or loss.

Questions? Call (215) 365-3118. John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum, 8601 Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia, PA. 19153 For more information on the Photo Group and the Heinz Refuge visit our website at: <http://www.fws.gov/heinz/>

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